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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold a public hearing on Friday, May 12, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of:

101 CMR 314.00: Dental Services

and the repeal of:

114.3 CMR 14.00: Dental Services

These actions are being taken in order to comply with relevant provisions of M.G.L. c. 118E and c. 224 of the Acts of 2012, which transferred authority for this regulation from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy in M.G.L. c. 118G to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in M.G.L. c. 118E. 101 CMR 314.00 replaces 114.3 CMR 14.00 as the regulation governing the rates of payments to be used by all governmental units in making payments to eligible dental providers for dental services rendered to publicly aided individuals.

In general, the proposed amendments maintain current payment rates for dental services, but do update a certain rate for consistency with anticipated updates to a related coverage regulation. The proposed amendments also incorporate additions and deletions of certain codes previously reflected in EOHHS Administrative Bulletins issued since the regulation was last amended. Finally, the proposed amendments include edits to clarify existing policy, update terminology, enhance consistency with other EOHHS regulations, and reduce ambiguity.

EOHHS is proposing this regulation and amendments to ensure that payment rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. It is estimated that annual aggregate state expenditures will not increase as a result of these amendments. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns. The amendments do not impose new costs on small businesses; the impact on small business providers will vary based on the volume of services provided.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit



electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the e-mail with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by e-mail should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by e-mail at ADAAccommodations@state.ma.us or by phone at 617-847-3468 (TTY: 617-847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/masshealth.

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